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GOVERNMENT OFFICES REORGANIZED

ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION IN KWANGTUNG -- Chung-yang Jih-pao, 13 Apr 49

The division of Kwangtung Province into 15 administrative districts has been decided by the provincial assembly and the month of May set for its inauguration. The government has further decided that, for efficiency and economy under war conditions, the special administrator for each district shall be the magistrate of the chief hsien in the district. There are three or four aspirants for each of these new posts.

In order to proceed with land reform and modernize the grain tax system, two committees are to be set up respectively to deal with these questions. Each will consist of seven councillors appointed by the governor, the president and vice-president of the provincial assembly, and four to six experts.

NATIONAL DEFENSE MINISTRY TO BE REORGANIZED -- Hsin-wen Pao, 19 Mar 49

The Ministry of National Defense recently called a series of conferences to discuss reorganization of the Ministry. It has been decided that the powers of the Ministry in the Cabinet will be broadened. The Minister of National Defense will be directly responsible to the President in the latter's position as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces. Because at present the Minister is a general affairs officer, all military orders must pass through the Chief of Staff for execution.

The Ministry of National Defense has taken measures to abolish Office Number 6 and the Compilations Commission (Pien-tsun Wei-yan-hui). Office Number 4 has already been abolished and its duties assigned to Office Number 3.

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INFORMATION DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED -- Shen Pao, 1 Apr 49

At a meeting held on 31 March 1949, the Executive Yuan decided to establish an Information Department (Hsin-ven Ch'u) under the direction of the Yuan Secretariat. It will supervise foreign and domestic news releases and publicity and will strengthen liaison with the press.

The Department, headed by Pao Ching-an, will consist of a secretariat and editorial, publications, news administration, materials, and graphics sections. Staff offices will operate in four places, including New York, Shang-hai and London [fourth place unknown]. The new department will take over the facilities and duties of the former Executive Yuan Information Office.

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